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SUBJECT: BURDENSARING: LAULAN REPORT ON CONSULTATIONS
WITH US AUTHORITIES

REF: (A) USNATO 785; (B) USNATO 801

1. WE CONSIDER LAULAN'S REPORT AN EXCELLENT ACCOUNT OF
FEBRUARY 8 DISCUSSIONS HERE. WE HAVE ONLY FOLLOWING
SUGGESTIONS FOR MINOR CHANGES IN REPORT.

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-- WORDS "CREDIBLE" AND "CREDIBILITY" IN SECTION I AND III SHOULD BE CHANGED TO "CREDITABLE" AND "CREDITABILITY".

-- IN FIRST TICK UNDER SECTION III, DELETE CLAUSE AFTER SEMI-COLON BEGINNING WITH "AT THE TIME..." AND SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING:

"THE NOVEMBER 16 REPORT WILL LIKELY INCLUDE DATA ON THE NET DEFICIT TO BE OFFSET, BUT THE FINAL REPORT ON ALLIED EFFORTS TO SATISFY THE JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT IS NOT LIKELY TO BE SUBMITTED UNTIL LATER, POSSIBLY NOT UNTIL MAY 16, 1975 (THE END OF THE EIGHTEEN-MONTH PERIOD PROVIDED FOR IN THE US LEGISLATION)."

-- IN THIRD TICK, INSERT FOLLOWING AFTER "END OF FEBRUARY": "BUT CERTAINLY BY MID-MARCH."

-- IN FINAL TICK UNDER SECTION III, "FY 1973/74" SHOULD BE CHANGED TO "FY 74 (JULY 1, 1973 TO JUNE 30, 1974)"; "FY 74/75" SHOULD BE CHANGED TO "THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1974"; AND PHRASE "WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE APPARENT AS OF 30TH JUNE 1974" SHOULD BE REPLACED BY "INCURRED AS OF 30TH JUNE 1974, THE PRECISE SIZE OF WHICH WOULD ONLY BECOME APPARENT IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1974."

-- IN FINAL LINE OF LAULAN REPORT, WE SUGGEST DELETING "IN ORDER TO CONFIRM OUR UNDERSTANDING" AND SUBSTITUTE "FOR FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS."

2. ADDITIONAL INFO ON MEETING WITH LAULAN, WHICH SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN REPORT OR OTHERWISE GIVEN TO OTHER DELEGATIONS, FOLLOWS SEPTEL.

3. IN REGARDS TO REF B, THE OASD/COMPTROLLER TABLE ENTITLED "US DEFENSE EXPENDITURES ENTERING THE INTERNATIONAL BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, BY NATO COUNTRY, BY CATEGORY," DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 1973 REPRESENTS THE LATEST ESTIMATES AVAILABLE. THE OASD/COMPTROLLER REVIEWED THE TABLE ON THE BASIS OF AVAILABLE DATA
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FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF FY 74 AND HAS CONSIDERED THAT ITS SEPTEMBER ESTIMATES ARE STILL VALID. DOD WILL STUDY THE ESTIMATES AGAIN WHEN THE SECOND QUARTER DATA BECOME AVAILABLE SOMETIME IN MARCH 1974.

4. DOD IS ALSO PREPARING AN EXPLANATION OF HOW WE ARRIVED AT THE NEW DOLS 2.1 B ESTIMATE FOR FY 74.

WHILE THIS WILL NOT BE AS DETAILED AS THE TABLE CITED
IN PARA 3, IT SHOULD PROVIDE A DOLLAR BREAKOUT
BY COUNTRY. WE HOPE TO HAVE THE INFORMATION FOR YOU
TO RELEASE TO THE PERMREPS BY FEBRUARY 22.

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